Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Since the work is progressing, has the final sanction been accorded, Sir?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I think it has not yet been given.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Will the Government be pleased to expedite the order so as to enable the work to progress satisfactorily?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Yes, it will be done.

Civil and Maternity Hospitals at Robertsonpet.

Q.—804. Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI (K.G.F.—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) if they have received representation regarding want of accommodation in Government Civil and Maternity Hospitals at Robertsonpet, K.G.F.;

(*b*) if so, the action they propose to take?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The construction of a new out-patient block for Maternity Hospital at Kolar Gold Fields is under progress. The Public Works Department has been requested to furnish an estimate and plan for providing accommodation required for the Civil Hospital.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—When was the new out-patient block for Maternity Hospital started, Sir?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I think it was started last year.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—When would it be completed, Sir?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—The work is in progress and will be completed as early as practicable.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—What is the estimate for that?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Rs. 23,800.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—Is the entire amount contributed by the Government or have they received any donation from the public of that place?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—The entire amount is contributed by Government.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—By constructing this out-patient block, what would be the strength of the extra accommodation for the in-patients in the Maternity Hospital, Sir?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Few wards would be constructed for in-patients and some may also be used for treatment of out-patients. Additional information has been called for from the Executive Engineer, Kolar. He has been asked to send up plans and estimates for additional blocks.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—I am asking about the Maternity Hospital. After the construction of the new block, what would be the extra strength that could be accommodated there?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Notice?

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—When have the Government requested the Public Works Department for the estimates for the Civil Hospital?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I believe about three months back.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—Will the Government take all possible steps to get the work completed as early as possible?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Yes.

Sri Sydney A. THOMAS.—Are Government aware that there is greater need for in-patient block than out-patient department in the Maternity Hospital?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Yes; that is why we have asked the Executive Engineer to submit a plan?

Sri Sydney A. THOMAS.—That is in respect of Civil Hospital. I want to know whether it is not a fact that there is greater need for an in-patient ward than an out-patient department?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Yes, there is need for in-patient ward.

Sri Sydney A. THOMAS.—Under the estimate called for from the Public Works Department, what is the intended bed strength?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Notice please.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಕಟ್ಟಡಕ್ಕೆ ಖರ್ಚು ಎಷ್ಟು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಆಗಲೇ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ, 23,800 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಎಂದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ.—ಆದಕ್ಕೇನಾದರೂ public donations or subscriptions ವಸೂಲ್ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಜೆನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಆಗಲೇ ಉತ್ತರಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 279.

Tractors, Bull-dozers, Caterpillars and Excavators.

(For previous Supplementaries please refer to pages 1762 and 1763 of Vol. XII, No. 32.)

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—On the other day I elicited information that 97 tractors were sick and only about 30 tractors and 10 bull-dozers were working. I wanted to know this information regarding the agreement that was entered into between the Government and Messrs. Ferguson & Co. May I know whether this agreement is still subsisting or has it been terminated ?

*Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It was not actually an agreement but it was a scheme that was submitted by Messrs. Ferguson & Co. and according to that scheme we worked it out for about 10 months in 1952-53. The scheme is over now.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Under what circumstances it was terminated ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—The scheme completed itself.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—It has been stated here that spares worth Rs. 3,40,000 were purchased by Government. Were these purchased from or through Ferguson & Co. or from whom these spare parts were purchased ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Sir, orders were placed for the spare parts that were required for the tractors and bull-dozers with various firms that manufacture these spares. Because the tractors that we have are of different makes, from those firms machineries were obtained.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Were orders placed by Messrs. Ferguson & Co. or at their instance by any officer of the Government ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Sir, it was the Director who had to place orders as we would see under 8 of the scheme.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Are all these spare parts used or are there any parts that are left over ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Of the heavy parts of the machinery, some of them are still left over. Now, we are trying to exchange them for some of the parts which we are in need urgently.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Regarding the Central Tractor Workshop, what is the amount invested on the workshop ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It has costed Rs. 1,13,000.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not a fact that this Workshop has been devoting its attention only for the 32 tractors and not the other tractors which are sick ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—At present we are not dealing with the others that require major repairs though this year we expect to repair about 5 of the tractors.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Are all these 97 sick tractors likely to be repaired in this Central Tractor Workshop or is there no hope of reclaiming those 97 tractors ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—With the spare parts that we have and with the spare parts that we have obtained by exchange, we expect to put into operation about 6 of them this year. About the other tractors that have been ill and with regard to the entire tractor organisation, Government of India suggested that we should have a committee and now we have appointed a committee with the Engineer of the Central Tractor Organisation, Delhi, as one of the members. The Committee is expected to submit its report very soon.

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Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not desirable that the entire workshop is wound up and the amount of nearly Rs. 4 to 5 lakhs spending every year is saved ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Sir, as you will see now the Tractors and Bull-dozers that are now in operation have been doing work and there is a demand for it. But it is not Rs. 4 lakhs that we are spending—it is given in the column, less than Rs. 3 lakhs, for spare parts, oiling and grease. Now as I said, we have appointed a Committee that will go into that question. The